



Masters Matters

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President's Message

By Jon Matthews

Greetings CMWA members,

Now that the weather is warming up, it is time to unearth our boards and rigs from the cobwebs and hit the water.

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The CMWA season started on the May 27th weekend with our get-together at Port Bolster. The Women's Clinic follows on the Father's Day weekend, June 17th. Stephanie Todd works very hard at organizing these events and we thank her for all her time and efforts.

The CMWA Championships and AGM weekend is the big event of the summer and is being held at Geneva Park, Orillia, on the August 4-7 long weekend. It should be a great family event, with accommodation, meals and racing all at one location. When the wind fails to blow, there are many other activities to fill your day - sand beach, children's programs, tennis, canoeing, etc. Our initial booking of rooms has already taken place. Although our GP specialist, Jerry Caplan, is going to try to help CMWA members book at Geneva Park until almost the end of June, nevertheless, at some point members will have to contact the Park independently and make their own arrangements (based on availability). Waiting until the last moment is not recommended.

Our webpage

<http://windsurf.ca/cmwa/genevapark.htm> will be updated with a **listing of campsites and local hotels** for those who prefer to stay off grounds. A registration package for latecomers will be available on our CMWA website.

We hope to see you all there. Let's try to make this one of the biggest events ever.

I wish you all a very happy, safe and windy summer and look forward to renewing friendships at the Championships in August.

May warm winds blow. ❖

Snowfari 2006

Horseshoe Resort, Barrie ON

By Stephanie Todd, Social Director

What a beautiful day it started out as with spring like weather for our annual Snowfari. Horseshoe Resort still had lots of snow for this March adventure on snow. We had a good showing with some new faces. Nancy Cameron arrived with her brother and wife. Bob & Andy were there along with Iza and her new beau Paul. A friend of mine Rachelle Neimela and her daughter Christina joined us from Sudbury. Andrée Gauthier and Paul along with her son and a friend who quickly left us in their dust. Not to be out done, I took the crew on a journey into the half pipe where there were childish squeals of delight. From there we went to the fun park where I had everyone jumping off the small jump and sliding on the big yellow box. Then to the bigger jumps where some, like fearless Paul was doing grabs. Andrée spreads and Andy and Bob doing survival jumps!

Lunch was as usual a great event in the Crazy Horse with beers and drinks abound. The afternoon brought rain but many skied anyway. The party after was extremely small as most had other commitments. Nancy Cameron and Rachelle and her daughter along with Wes and Kristy joined us for one of Lauri's famous stir fries and drinks. ❖

Spring Get-Together and Women's Clinics 2006

This year's spring get-together is being held on the beautiful shores of Lake Simcoe at the Burgess Enclave. Now is the time to register for both events. Geoff Mitchinson will be available for the drills and skills on water and his entertaining humour at night at the get-together. Dan Thompson will be back for the women's clinic.

All ages and types of sailors are welcome.

Spring Get-Together: May 26-28

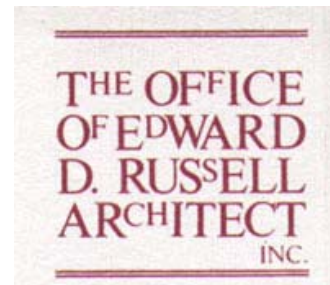
Women's Spring Clinic: June 17-18

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Newest Windsurfer Surfaces in B.C.!

*By Stephanie Todd
CMWA Social/Women's Director*

After nine months of swimming around, Ella Saara Byblow was in her Grams arms. Ella was born at Victoria General Hospital on April 11th at 3:13 a.m. weighing in at 8 lbs, 7.4 oz and 53.2 cm in length. She showed us that she was going to be a late night partier! Wonder where she gets that from?

Steph & Lauri can't be prouder; well maybe Venessa & Kelly, the parents! Papa, Finnish for grandfather, got to hold her finally on April 22nd when she was 10 days old. Needless to say we both cried when we had to leave but we shall be back. I will have my proud to be a grandmother photo album to share with anyone to look at all the events this year.

Anyone got a baby sized wet suit?

See you all on the water! ❖



*The proud grandparents,
Stephanie Todd and Lauri Gregg*

Dave Luck Gets Married!

Yes indeed he did! In China... He met the women of his life through a friend... it's a long story! They corresponded via e-mails and phone calls in broken English and Mandarin but it worked. They got married on September 22, 2005 and Yanjie just landed in Canada on May 30, 2006. After having met her, I approve!!



Dave Luck and his bride, Yanjie in China.

CMWA 2006 Spring Hatteras Trip

By David Culliford

When I saw Suzanne's request for an article on our spring trip to Hatteras, I wondered what I could say that hadn't been said before and would be of interest to her readers. As I thought about it I pondered the well-worn phrase that "life is a journey, not a destination". By the same token, much of what I enjoy about going to Hatteras is peripheral to the actual on water time.

In the past I have chronicled the camaraderie, the good food and the sailing venue. All of those things are well worth the trip. Some of the highlights this year were:

- Watching iron-man Jan on the water. Several days he and the Quebec sailors from Octaview put on jibing clinics around a couple of buoys as we watched from the deck. I once read in a windsurfing magazine that whenever there are two people on the water it is a race. This was no exception as we were all rooting for Jan to show those other guys his stuff. I must say that some of the Quebec sailors are very impressive.
- Seeing Lionel develop enough confidence in his cooking abilities to tell Jan how much pasta per serving we needed to cook. Unfortunately Jan eats somewhat more than the standard serving outlined on the package.
- Revisiting the great staff at the local shops. While there are so many, some like Art and Don at Fox deserve special mention for their laid back approach to customers. I find Margaret and Olaf at Avon Sailhouse special, but then they are ex-pats. (My personal feeling is that they deserve honorary CMWA membership.) Sadly Arthur, Mary and Jay have all left Windsurfing Hatteras.
- I know that this is a windsurfing newsletter but there are a number of us who kite. For those who do, check out Real's video Evolution. Mat does much of the narration and there is an extras section where they chat with many of the other counter and instructional staff.
- So how was the sailing? I am afraid it was the same old, same old. I sailed everything I had from a 3.3 to my 16 m kite. Some days were shorts, some were parka but you already know that about Hatteras. I was on the water 11 of 12 days that I was there. I am afraid that I bailed, faced with the prediction of two no-wind days before my final scheduled day.

Why would I leave this paradise early? As I alluded to at the beginning, it is about the journey. My traveling companion Bob, a first timer to Hatteras, and I spent two days returning via several disk golf courses. I know I mentioned this sport in one of my earlier articles but I will expand somewhat here.

For those who do know the game they might be more familiar with the term Frisbee Golf. Courses are set up in many parks and are generally free to play. The rules are pretty much the same as ball golf in that you count the strokes to sink your disk in a basket. I find this a great way to break up trips such as the one to Hatteras. Courses can be located by checking the Professional Disk Golf Web Site <http://www.pdga.com/course/index.php>. All of the information can also be loaded onto a Palm. I use the Microsoft Streets and Maps with the GPS add on with my laptop so that I can locate the nearest course when I feel like a break. I usually stop at Warrendale near Pittsburgh on the way down but there is a great course near Monroeville for beginners.

On our way back this time, I stopped at two courses that I had not played before, the first called the Grange near Sportsylvania, Virginia. This location had two regulation courses and a mini style course with lights for night play. It had a campground and an outdoor kitchen complete with pizza oven.

The second was in Moraine State Park in Pennsylvania. I was unfamiliar with this park but see in their brochure that it is visited by one million people per year. Bob was so impressed by the gently rolling terrain and smooth paving on the park road that he is thinking of returning with his bicycle.

At every one of these courses, I meet other players and chat about the local scene much like windsurfers do at the beach. The sport is a great compliment to people who depend on windy days for action. I challenge readers to check the website and go check out their local course. There is one at Camp Fortune and one in Cartier Park. There is one on Toronto Island and a number of others around the city. I also found that if you travel on business, the disks were small enough to be taken on trips for some those non-business hours.

Those are some of the things that make my two weeks a journey, not just a sailing destination. I could relate many more but I don't want to lose Suzanne's members! ❖

CMWA Championships 2006

Geneva Park, Orillia, Ontario On Lake Couchiching

By Jerry Caplan

After a long and really not so cold winter, the windsurfing season has arrived. For those who have not yet thought about attending the CMWA championships at Geneva Park on Lake Couchiching in Orillia, the time is now. All of the 'Lodge' rooms that have been set aside for us have been taken, but there is still accommodation available. Please see the attached applications for the type of accommodation you require, then complete the appropriate one. If you are planning on staying outside Geneva Park, you will need to book your own accommodation. The completed application must be received by the end of June, so fill it out now before you lose the opportunity to enjoy all that Geneva Park has to offer. As mentioned in a previous article, our family has been coming to Geneva Park for 23 years. It's a great family vacation spot that brings people together from across Canada and the United States. Lake Couchiching means lake of many winds, and that's certainly what we should get. Let's just hope that the 'wind Gods' will look favourably upon us for our three day event.

After an exhausting day of racing, it will be nice to enjoy some of the other activities at GP, such as swimming, tennis, kayaking, the craft shop and the fitness trails. Perhaps just some quiet time with a book in a muskoka chair is more to your liking. There are evening programs as well that you are welcome to participate in. Also, don't forget that there are supervised programs for children of all ages, so bring the family. If your money is burning a hole in your pocket, Casino Rama is only five minutes away.

A great windsurfing site, a great lake to do it on and great friends to sail with.....so, come to Geneva Park and enjoy the fun. ❖

RS:X News

WINDSURFING EQUIPMENT

The first major head to head competition between the recently selected 2008 Beijing Windsurfing equipment, the RS:X, and the much older and original hybrid design, the Mistral Prodigy, occurred at the Calema Windsurfing Midwinters, Mar 3-5, at Cocoa Beach, Florida. The popular and less costly Prodigy narrowly missed being selected for the next Olympic Games at the race-off in Italy last year. Interestingly enough, at the Midwinter Championship, where the Prodigys and RS:Xs started together as one fleet and sailed the same course, the Prodigys exhibited equal or better board speed in most wind conditions, particularly in lighter winds, despite having an 8.5 meter sail versus the RS:X's larger 9.5 meter sail.

Final results do show the RS:X in the top 4 positions, but then again, these were sailed by Olympic contenders (US Ben Barger 1st, and Canadian Alain Bolduc 2nd). Amazingly, the fastest board of all was sailed by Dave Stanger of Charleston, SC, a 52 year old and a grandfather. Stanger was on a (gasp) long board with a 7.5 meter sail! He finished just 2 points behind the leader, Ben Barger, starting at the same time and sailing the same course. In one race, Stanger was far ahead, stopped in midcourse to locate the finish line and lost several places. Have we made progress or what? BTW, average age of Prodigy sailors competing was also 52 years. ~ Dick Tillman

Scuttlebutt #2048, March 10, 2006

In the news

Frenchwoman Raphaella le Gouvello became the first person to windsurf across the Indian Ocean, landing on the French island of La Reunion after spending 60 days at sea on a specially designed 23-foot board. Le Gouvello, 46, set out April 9 from Exmouth in northwestern Australia and windsurfed about 4,000 miles. Her board capsized twice, but she had help from an escort team. -- LA Times, <http://tinyurl.com/rf659>

Scuttlebutt #2113, June 12, 2006

Windsurfing 2006 Schedule

- June 17-18 - CMWA Women's Spring Clinic, Port Bolster, Stephanie Todd
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- June 23-25 - Shippagan Windfest; Instruction, demo, clinics, prizes and evenings parties acadian style. Everybody who loves wind is welcome. A special place will be made for kitters this year. Shippagan, New Brunswick. Info: windsurfing.shippagan.com
- July 1-2, OSA #2, Kingston (jointly with Canadians – July 1-4)
- August 4-7 - CMWA Neil Pryde Canadian Masters Championships with OSA #3, Geneva Park, Lake Couchiching, Orillia, Ontario. Info: Jon Matthews matthews_jon@hotmail.com
- Aug. 12-13 – National Capital Regatta, Britannia Yacht Club, Ottawa (Raceboard & Formula). Info: bobjoan@sympatico.ca or www.byc.ca
- Sept. 9-10 – OSA #4, Cherry Beach, Toronto
- Sept. 10 – TWC Mammoth Marathon, Cherry Beach. Open to all, Long & Short courses. Info: 416-461-7078 or www.torontowindsurfingclub.com
- Sept. 16 - CMWA Women's Fall Clinic, Port Bolster. Stephanie Todd surfit@sympatico.ca
- Sept. 15-17 – CMWA Fall Wrap-up, Port Bolster. Stephanie Todd surfit@sympatico.ca or 905-953-8331
- Oct. 21-Oct. 28 & Oct. 28-Nov. 4 - CMWA trip to Hatteras, contact David Culliford, d.culliford@rogers.com

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